

(3) delapidated. The preceding categories and criteria were used to characterize the outside condition of the dwelling units which, in addition, gave an indication of inside conditions and overall housing conditions.

Standard - A structure with no defects or only slight defects such as slight damage to porches or steps, broken gutters or downspouts, or a lack of paint.

Deteriorating - A structure needing more repair than could be corrected in the normal course of maintenance and possessing defects of an intermediate nature which, if left untended, would lead to serious structural damage. Intermediate defects are exemplified as shaky or unsafe porch steps, noticable defects in the roof, deep wear on stairs and porches, rotted window sills or frames and cracks or missing material on exterior walls.

Delapidated - A structure considered as unsafe or inadequate owing to one or more critical defects, to a combination of intermediate defects which occur in sufficient number to require extensive repair or rebuilding, or to inadequate original construction. Critical defects include: sagging or collapsed chimneys, walls, floors, or roof; unstable foundation and rotted porches; extensive holes, open cracks or missing material over large areas of the exterior including structural damage caused by storm or fire.

Once the dwelling units criteria had been established, a dual-man survey team conducted a "windshield survey" along every road in Vance County. This survey was accomplished by sighting